

CTE Standards Unpacking Introduction to Information Technology

Course: Introduction to Information Technology

Course Description: Introduction to Information Technology prepares students with knowledge and background of technology careers, programming, and hardware. This course explores new and emerging technologies for both professional and personal use.

Career Cluster: Information Technology

Prerequisites: Recommended that a student has taken from the Foundation Courses Computer Applications.

Program of Study Application: Introduction to Information Technology is recommended as a prerequisite for two pathways: Programming and Networking & Hardware.

INDICATOR #IT 1: Understand the need and impact of technology.

SUB-INDICATOR 1.1 (Webb Level: 1): Define the relationship between electronic devices and computers

SUB-INDICATOR 1.2 (Webb Level: 1): Describe the functional areas in which computers assist people.

SUB-INDICATOR 1.3 (Webb Level: 1): Describe how technology is impacting community

SUB-INDICATOR 1.4 (Webb Level: 1): List physical and mental health dangers associated with computer use

Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
The relationship between	The influence of technology	Describe the electronic
electronic devices and	and how it impacts their	devices you use and
computers.	daily life.	explain how they
		synchronize with
How do people and	Moral and ethical use of	computer technology.
communities interact	technology.	
with technology.		Illustrate the ways that
		technology assists
		people.
		Explain the appropriate
		ways we use technology.
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Benchmarks

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- Explain how computers can assist people.
- Research the impact of social networking through the Internet.
- List ways in which etiquette plays a role in technology and communication.
- Research physical health concerns caused by technology usage.
- Research mental health and addiction caused by technology usage.



Academic Connections

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Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will research social networking through the Internet and explain the impact orally or in writing.

INDICATOR #IT 2: Understand computer hardware required to meet specific needs.

SUB-INDICATOR 2.1 (Webb Level: 1): Understand how computer information is represented.

SUB-INDICATOR 2.2 (Webb Level: 1): Identify hardware components and their relationship to computer usage.

SUB-INDICATOR 2.3 (Webb Level: 2): Understand different types of memory and storage

SUB-INDICATOR 2.4 (Webb Level: 1): Identify input and output devices to meet the needs of users

SUB-INDICATOR 2.5 (Webb Level: 2): Understand the decision-making process involved in purchasing computer systems

Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
How computer	The history of binary and	Deconstruct and
information is	machine language.	reconstruct a computer.
represented.		
	Identify hardware	Connect a variety of
Identify input, output,	components and their	input and output devices
storage, and processing.	relationship to computer	to a computer.
	usage.	
Understand the process		
involved in purchasing	There are different devices	Analyze activity usage,



computer systems.	that fit different needs.	and determine device
		needed, and purchasing
		process.

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- Convert decimal to binary and binary to decimal.
- Research the evolution of data.
- Research hardware requirements for five top pieces of software.
- Explain difference between different types of memory and storage.
- Research new ideas for input and output devices.

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RI7.Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.

Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will explain orally or in writing/multi-media project the hardware requirements for five top pieces of software.

In a research paper or multi-media project, students offer an explanation of the hardware needed to create a computer.

Students will review several mock examples of a person or group with computer needs, assess specific details and offer a plan which includes a device that will meet the needs with an explanation of why.

INDICATOR #IT 3: Understand software solutions for personal and professional use.



SUB-INDICATOR 3.1 (Webb Level: 2): Explain how software is created, distributed, installed, and maintained.

SUB-INDICATOR 3.2 (Webb Level: 1): Describe the functions of system software and operating systems

SUB-INDICATOR 3.3 (Webb Level: 2): Describe different types and purposes of productivity software

productivity bottware		
Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
Differentiate between	The functions and	Develop a simple
system, operating and	components of how	software application.
productivity software.	software and operating	
	systems are created,	
	distributed, installed, and	
	maintained.	

Benchmarks

Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:

- Illustrate the steps in the software development process.
- Compare and contrast major operating systems and their features.
- Describe how artificial intelligence software can be used in your professional and personal life.

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Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multimedia project how artificial intelligence software can be used in their professional and personal lives.

INDICATOR #IT 4: Understand technology used for the Internet.



SUB-INDICATOR 4.1 (Webb Level: 1): Describe how the Internet developed	
SUB-INDICATOR 4.2 (Webb Level: 1): Explain how hardware, protocols, and	

software work together to create the Internet

SUB-INDICATOR 4.3 (Webb Level: 2): Explain the underlying structures and technologies used to support the Internet.

Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
Understand technology	The history, development,	Define the internet.
used for the internet.	structure and technologies of the internet.	
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Benchmarks

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- Create a timeline of the history of the internet.
- Explain internet infrastructures.
- Connect to the internet.
- Explain web basics and how information is created and transmitted.

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Students will orally or in a writing/multi-media project explain Web Basics which shall include a definition of the internet (WWW), it's history, it's uses and structure.

INDICATOR #IT 5: Understand computer network and telecommunications technologies.

SUB-INDICATOR 5.1 (Webb Level: 1): Understand the fundamentals of data communications

SUB-INDICATOR 5.2 (Webb Level: 1): List the types of media, devices, and software needed for networking services.

SUB-INDICATOR 5.3 (Webb Level: 1): List and describe the popular forms of wireless technologies

Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
Understand computer	Understand the	Create media that can be
network and	fundamentals of	used in networking and



Telecommunications	telecommunications and	software creation.
technologies.	networking services.	
		Discern the use of
		wireless technologies.

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- Identify the types of signals and transmission capacities used in telecommunications.
- Identify network operating systems and management software.
- Explain how wireless devices transmit information.

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Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project how wireless devices transmit information and how media can be created for software.

INDICATOR #IT 6: Understand the needs and uses for digital media.		
SUB-INDICATOR 6.1 (Webb Level: 1): Understand the uses of digital media.		
SUB-INDICATOR 6.2 (Webb Level: 2): Discuss how interactive media is used to		
educate and entertain.		
Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
Understand the needs	How media is used to	Explain digital media.
and uses for digital	educate and entertain.	



media.	

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- Covert digital files from one format to another.
- Explain copyright issues regarding digital media.
- Explain the impact of simulators on training individuals.
- Research interactive media advances in home entertainment.

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Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project copyright issues regarding digital media and interactive media advances.

INDICATOR #IT 7: Understand computer crime and information security.

SUB-INDICATOR 7.1 (Webb Level: 1): Describe methods of keeping electronic devices secure

SUB-INDICATOR 7.2 (Webb Level: 2): Discuss the threats and defenses for networks

SUB-INDICATOR 7.3 (Webb Level: 3): Describe the threats posed by hackers, software, scams and the methods of defending against them

Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
The importance of	Understanding and	Protecting devices, files,
keeping electronic	preventing computer crime	networks, and



devices secure	and information security breaches.	information from potential threats.

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- Identify types of machine-level security procedures.
- Define multiuser systems and how to protect them.
- Explain common threats to wireless network.
- Research famous hackers and the damage they caused.
- Explain the types of viruses and how they are spread.
- Identify key frauds, scams, and hoaxes and how to research validity of information.

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Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project the types of viruses and how they spread. Included may be the history of the virus and past examples of computer viruses and protection software.

INDICATOR #IT 8: Understand technology ethics in a global society.

SUB-INDICATOR 8.1 (Webb Level: 2): Describe the negative and positive impacts of social media

SUB-INDICATOR 8.2 (Webb Level: 2): Explain the ways in which technology is used to invade personal privacy

SUB-INDICATOR 8.3 (Webb Level: 1): Identify ethical issues related to digital technology

Knowledge (Factual):		
Understand the impact of		
social media on personal		
privacy.		

Understand (Conceptual): Understand the overall impact of social media on society.

Skills (Application): Differentiate between the appropriate and inappropriate and uses of social media.

Benchmarks

Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:

Identify technology issues related to freedom of speech.



- Research technologies and the digital footprints left by them.
- Research how laws have impacted invasion of personal privacy devices.
- Explain how ethics play a role in personal, professional, and governmental use of technology.

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Sample Performance Task Aligned to the Academic Standard(s):

Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project the role that ethics play in personal, professional, and governmental use of technology. Included may be past cases of inappropriate and appropriates uses. Case studies may be used to analyze use.

INDICATOR #IT 9: Explore careers in information technology.

SUB-INDICATOR 9.1 (Webb Level: 1): Identify skills, interests, and abilities related to information technology.

SUB-INDICATOR 9.2 (Webb Level: 2): Compare personal interest survey results with information technology occupations

SUB-INDICATOR 9.3 (Webb Level: 3): Research labor market information for information technology.

SUB-INDICATOR 9.4 (Webb Level: 2): Demonstrate necessary job skills needed for Information and Technology industries

Knowledge (Factual):	Understand (Conceptual):	Skills (Application):
Skills, interests and	Career options available in	Explore how your skills,
abilities related to	information technology	interests and abilities



information technology.	match Information
	Technology careers.

Students will be assessed on their *ability* to:

- SD MyLife assessments including career matchmaker and ability profiler.
- Consider the financial impact of an Information Technology career.
- Display ability to work as part of a team and take direction from others.

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Students will explain orally or in a writing/multi-media project the career of Information Technology. Included education needed, jobs available, areas of need and salaries...etc.

INDICATOR #IT 10: Demonstrate knowledge of the software development process.

SUB-INDICATOR 10.1 (Webb Level: 3): Apply tools for developing software applications

SUB-INDICATOR 10.2 (Webb Level: 2): Demonstrate knowledge of programming structures

Knowledge (Factual):Understand (Conceptual):Skills (Application):The softwareNecessary tools and
development process.Develop a software
application.



develop a software application.	

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

• Use online resources to create and debug a block program.

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Students will use online resources to debug a block program.

Research the tools needed to create and implement software. Present in writing or a multi-media project.

Additional Resources

Please list any resources (e.g., websites, teaching guides, etc.) that would help teachers as they plan to teach these new standards.